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SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF SURABAYA MAYOR SOEPARNO FOR PARTIAL IV GRANT

DEPARTMENT FOR CU/EA

- 1. I LEARNED ON NOVEMBER 1 THAT SURABAYA MAYOR
 COLONEL AND MRS. SOEPARNO ARE SLATED TO ATTEND AN INTERNATIONAL
 MAYOR'S CONFERENCE IN GUADALAJARA MEXICO, DEPARTING SURABAYA ON
 NOVEMBER 20, SOEPARNO ASSUMED HIS PRESENT POSITION ABOUT SIX
 MONTHS AGO AND I BELIEVE THIS IS A FORTITIOUS OPPORTUNITY TO
 PICK HIM UP ON A PARTIAL IV GRANT. HIS PREDECESSOR VISITED THE
 STATES AS AN IV SOME YEARS AGO.
- 2. SOEPARNO APPEARS TO BE A VIGOROUS AND CAPABLE OFFICIAL, WHO IS TRYING TO PLAN SYSTEMATICALLY FOR URBAN AND INDUSTRIAL GROWTH IN SURABAYA, PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO LOW-COST HOUSING AND TRAFFIC CONTROL. HE IS PUSHING CONSTRUCTION OF INNER AND OUTER BELTWAY ROADS TO DIVERT COMMERCIAL TRAFFICMDROM SURABAYA PORT AREAR AND THUS RELIEVE CONGESTION AND SPEED DISTRIBUTION OF IMPORTED COMMODITIES IN THE PROVINCE AS A WHOLE. HE IS A MOSLEM AND HAS NOT HITHERTO VISITED THE STATES. HIS ENGLISH IS POOR AND HE WOULD NEED AN INTERPRETER, ALTHOUGH MRS. SOEPARNO IS IN A CONVERSATION GROUP WITH MY WIFE AND SPEAKS RELATIVELY FLUENT ENGLISH. SHE IS ACTIVE IN WOMEN'S AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY SOCIAL WELFARE.
- 3. I WOULD RECOMMEND PROGRAMMING THE SOEPARNO'S THROUGH SAN ANTONIO UNCLASSIFIED

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(A SMALL CITY COPING WITH INNER CITY POVERTY PROBLEMS), HOUSTON,

NEW ORLEANS, IN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, KEEPING THEM OUT OF THE FR FROZEN NORTH AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, ADVISING ON THEIR DESIRES.

WILL PROBE HIS FURTHER INTERESTS AFTER GRANT IS APPROVED.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EXPEDITIOUS APPROVAL OF THIS NOMINATION BY EMBASSY/USIS AND DEPARTMENT SO THAT WE CAN WORK OUT TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WITH MAYOR AND MRS. SOEPARNO. TIME IS SHORT. HOWLAND

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